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Behavioral Health Commission

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION AGENDA MARCH 1, 2012

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ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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District 1

Michael Grabhorn
Gabriel Gonzales
William Swift

12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INTRODUCTIONS

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

District 2

May Farr
Michael Hill
Monica Alonso

12:10– 12:15 p.m.

Tab 2: APPROVAL OF THIS AGENDA
Tab 2a: APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2012 MINUTES

Members of the Commission

District 3

Christopher Massa
Tanya Perry, *Secretary*
Ana Rivera

12:15 – 12:20 p.m.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Veronica Kelley, Deputy
Director

District 4

Akin Merino
Roberto Casas
Monica Wilson, *Vice Chair*

12:20 – 12:30

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minute time limit)

12:30 – 12:35 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

12:35 – 12:50 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Members of the Commission

12:50 – 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Federal, State, County Budget and Other Policy Issues

Allan Rawland, Director

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1:00 – 1:20 p.m.

Tab 3: Peer Driven Room and Board Advisory Coalition

Cynthia White, Chief
Patients' Rights Advocate

1:20 – 1:40 p.m.

Tab 4: Big Bear Mental Health Alliance

Lindsay Hubby, Area Director,
Lutheran Social Services

1:40-1:50

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSION

Members of the Commission

Tab 5: Annual CA Association of Local Mental Health

Boards/Commissions Membership Dues - \$300

1:50-2:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

Clerk of the Commission

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NEIL DERRY..... Third District
GARY C. OVITT..... Fourth District

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION
February 2, 2012: 12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present:

Bill Swift, Chris Massa, Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Michael Hill, Akin Merino, Tanya Perry, Roberto Casas, Michael Grabhorn, May Farr, Monica Alonso and George Watson, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Neil Derry

Excused Absent: Tom Rivera, Monica Wilson and Jane Godager

Guests:

Dianna Lee, Field Representative for Supervisor Janice Rutherford; Calvin Holder, Nate Allen, St. Paul A.M.E. Church; Vanessa Holm, Family Service Association; Hanna Keith, Community Hospital of San Bernardino B.H.S.; Greg Vander-Haeghen, Susan Petty, Faith Ikeda, Linda Ballard, Gregory Nyx, Vivien Limon, DBH Clubhouse; Beverly Scott, Sheryl Ortiz, Public; Chris Scarzo, NAMI Pomona Valley; Loretta Kelly, Pierra Hardrick, Center of Refuge; Carolyn Cooper, Linda Hart, African American Mental Health Coalition; Gwen Rodgers, EMQ FamiliesFirst; Bobbi Martinez, Lindsay Hubby, Lutheran Social Services; Anthony Brazier, Foothill AIDS Project; John Futch, San Bernardino Community College District; Ed McField, PEI Regional Center; Dr. Christine Bierdrager, Inland Behavioral Health Services; CaSonya Thomas, Paula Rutten, Susan Abito, Andy Gruchy, Nancy Olson, Mariann Ruffolo, Michelle Dusick, David Denkers, André Bossieux, Dr. Teresa Frausto, Cheryl Long, Jason Hill, Rebecca Gehlke-Baez; Zakiya Otis, Cynthia Curbow, Lauretta Ross, Barry Barringer, Rachel Coley, Crista Wentworth, Doris Turner, Georgina Yoshioka, Gary Atkins, Susan Kulesa, Kristen Martinez, Michael Schertell, Christina Entz, Mary Burden, Karen Cervantes, Viviana Esparza, Lynn Neuenswander, Cindy Messer, Maria Coronado, Terri Franklin; Cynthia White, Yvonne Love, Bryan Boyer, DBH. Minutes recorded by Debi Pasco, Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission.

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Casas led the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions followed.

Debi Pasco, Clerk of the Commission announced: Supervisor Gary Ovitt appointed Dr. Akin Merino to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Fourth District on 1/10/12.

A motion made by Chris Massa and seconded by Roberto Casas: 1/5/12 BHC minutes were approved as written. Motion passed; no abstentions.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – FEBRUARY 2012

Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director announced there was no honoree for this month. The Cultural Competency Advisory Committee is seeking nominations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bobbie Martinez of Lutheran Social Services distributed the Mountain Resource Directory published by the Big Bear Mental Health Alliance (BBMHA). The BBHMA will provide a presentation to the Behavioral Health Commission during the 3/1/12 meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel stated that effective 2/15/12, the Knott's Family Resource Center contract will be assigned to Victor Community Support Services due to financial concerns. The Cal State nursing students have been visiting the El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center, which focuses on the mental and primary health of the community, and is home of Promotoras de Salud. Upcoming health fairs will be held at El Sol and Knott's Resource Centers. Susan attended the Healthy San Bernardino Coalition on 1/18/12, with special guest Herb K. Schultz, Region 9 Director U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to discuss how HHS and the White House can connect with and promote healthier communities in the Inland Empire. Discussion during this morning's BHC Executive Session included:

- Re-establishing program visits
- Upcoming educational presentations-please notify Debi Pasco if your agency/program would like to schedule a presentation to the BHC.
- BHC standing committees

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

First District:

Commissioner Bill Swift announced the next First District Advisory Committee (DAC) will be held on 2/15/12 from 10am-12pm at Victor Valley Behavioral Health.

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn recently attended a Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) presentation and an Elevate, a capacity building training. He wished that the High Desert had a resource directory similar to the mountain directory distributed today.

Commissioner Gabriel Gonzales discussed his new art projects. Hopes to have new work completed for the Government Center Art Show in May.

Second District:

Commissioner May Farr attended the CA Mental Health Planning Council and the CA Local Mental Health Boards/Commission quarterly statewide meeting. Discussions topics included:

- Laura's Law
- Suicide Prevention
- The Soldiers Project- free, confidential psychological counseling for military service members and families.

May is actively involved in CASE- drug trafficking is no longer the number one problem. Presently, 27 million children are sexually exploited or sold into modern day slavery.

Third District:

Commissioner Chris Massa attended a function at the Yucca Valley Clubhouse last week. He found the people to be full of energy and would like to schedule an upcoming DAC meeting at that location.

Secretary Tanya Perry stated the Big Bear Mental Health Alliance met on 1/9/12 to discuss plans for sustaining programs. She has been distributing ArrowCare information, the County's new low income health plan. There have been several Trauma Resiliency Model trainings (concrete strategies to deal with individuals who have experienced trauma) on the mountain. Tanya participates on the Inland Empire Children Initiative Coalition that assists families in signing up for Medi-Cal/IEHP, dental and vision.

Fourth District:

Commissioner Akin Merino mentioned that student interns at Argosy University are willing to participate in community activities.

Commissioner Roberto Casas welcomed Dr. Merino to the Commission. He also commended Commissioner Monica Alonso's mother for supporting her daughter by attending today's meeting. As a member of the City of Chino Commission, Dr. Casas finds it difficult to decide which community block grant programs to maintain due to federal money cuts. The Governor is proposing several tax initiatives, which if not passed will seriously affect education. He has concerns with AB-39, which will impact special education funding. The Second/Fourth District Advisory Committee will be held at the Chino Valley School District on 2/23/12.

Fifth District:

Treasurer Veatrice Jews announced that the African American Mental Health Coalition is sponsoring their 2nd Mental Health Symposium on 2/10/12 at Cal State University San Bernardino. The 5th District Advisory Committee meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month at New Hope Family Life Center in San Bernardino.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas announced the appointment of Sharon Nevins as DBH Deputy Director of 24 Hour and Emergency Services. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge with 20 years of experience in the field of behavioral health and administration. We look forward to her many contributions.

Due to \$5 million of unspent MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds, DBH will begin the stakeholder process to look at program needs and/or expansion. Michelle Dusick, PEI Coordinator stated that with the assistance of a professional facilitator, the community will prioritize programs. During the month of February, thirteen community meetings, including Spanish language sessions, will be held throughout San Bernardino County (SBC). On 2/29/12 a community meeting will be held via WebEx, where stakeholders in outlying locations, such as Morongo Basin, can gather to participate and provide feedback.

Budget and other Policy Issues:

State:

- Due to the elimination of CA Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Alcohol and Drug Programs, their functions have been reassigned to other agencies. On 2/21/12, a Hearing of the Assembly & Senate Health Committees will meet to discuss restructuring the behavioral health system. The CA Mental Health Directors Association and County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association will attend to provide feedback. If participation at the local level is available we will get the information out to you.
- We anticipate reductions in the Governor's May Revise.
- DMH has released an MHSA Local Issue Resolution Process to stakeholders to resolve issues regarding access to services and MHSA requirements. Issues should initially be addressed at the local level; however if not resolved to Filer's satisfaction issues may be submitted to DMH in writing, by email or by phone. If the Filer disagrees with DMH's determination they will be urged to seek remedy through local county mental health board.
- SB-208 seeks counties to participate in dual eligible (Medi/Medi) pilot project. Further analysis will determine if SBC will participate. Applications are due by 2/24/12.

DBH Program Dispatches are marketing tools used to show that MHSA is making a difference.

We have received final results of the External Quality Review Organization site visit conducted in October 2011:

- Acknowledged for consumer and Behavioral Health Commission involvement
- Areas of improvement: Technology

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Public Safety Realignment Act

Georgina Yoshioka, Program Manager II stated that AB 109 was signed by Governor Brown on 4/5/11 to reduce state's cost of incarcerating felons and parolees by shifting responsibility to the counties and the courts. Since 10/1/11, 3,000 non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders have been released in SBC and placed on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

- Probation is the lead agency partnering with DBH, other county departments and local agencies.
- Upon release PRCS are provided 30 days of medication and are to report to Probation within 48 hours.
- Three Day Reporting Centers (DRC) are being established; one in San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville. Date of operation is scheduled March 2012. Services will include: mental health and alcohol/drug, physical health, education, vocational training, transitional assistance, child support, aging and adult services.

Questions included:

- Commissioner Casas inquired about individuals not able to stand trial. *Response: Not eligible*
- Commissioner McGee-Stehsel was concerned that social workers were assessing individuals for physical health needs. *Clarification: Direct referral to Public Health Nurse Practitioner.*
- Guest asked how successful do you think this can be. *Response: This is definitely a challenge for counties to implement. Chances are if we don't link them to resources as soon as possible, they will fail. AB 109 came down fast and furious from the state; it is not our choice, but it will not go away.*

Breaking the Secret

Commissioner Veatrice Jews stated that four years ago the African American Mental Health Coalition (AAMHC) was formed. Linda Hart sought assistance from Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, which ultimately led to the passing of ACR 150 last year, recognizing the 2nd week of February as African American Mental Health Awareness Week. Veatrice introduced Calvin Holder, member of the AME Church who performed a passionate mime from the spirit. Linda Hart announced the AAMHC is hosting a Mental Health Symposium focusing on suicide at Cal State San Bernardino on 2/10/12. Linda will attend a hearing in Sacramento with Dr. Diane Woods to ensure funding is continued.

Upcoming special presentations to the Behavioral Health Commission include:

- 3/1/12: Peer Driven Room and Board Advisory Coalition and Big Bear Mental Health Alliance
- 4/5/12: Clubhouse Update

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

- Anthony Brazier of Foothill AIDS Project would like to present at a future Behavioral Health Commission meeting. His clients face stigma and are in need of behavioral health services.
- Lynn Neuenswander announced the Co-location Grand Opening on 3/7/12. BHRC will become a one stop health center with services including, Westside Health Clinic, WIC, and behavioral health services.
- Veronica Kelley announced African American Mental Health celebrations throughout the month
- Debi Pasco invited everyone to attend Director Rawland's retirement event on 2/27/12.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chairperson

Debi Pasco
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission